
Barrister's work on criminal cases brings major accolade

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A YORKSHIRE barrister has received a major accolade for his work in criminal cases.

Paul Greaney, 39, a member of Park Court Chambers in Leeds, has been selected as the top Crime junior in the 2009 Chambers Bar Awards.

Chambers publishes guides to the legal profession around the world with the next UK edition out in November listing both solicitors and barristers in over 70 specialist areas of law.

Mr Greaney was chosen from a shortlist following considerable research by the publishers. He was praised for his meticulous preparation.

Born in Halifax, he was educated at Bradford Grammar School before studying law at Durham University.

He was called to the Bar in 1993.

Mr Greaney was involved in Rahman and others, a case which ended up on appeal in the House of Lords following a murder trial



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in Leeds, and which is now quoted as a leading authority on the law on joint enterprise.

He was junior prosecution counsel in the trial of nurse Colin Norris, who was convicted of murdering elderly women patients with injections of insulin at Leeds General Infirmary and St James's Hospital, Leeds.

He was also junior prosecution counsel in the trial of a Halifax man who was jailed for life last year for arranging the murder of his sister's husband in a contract "honour killing".

A member of the Criminal Bar Association, Mr Greaney successfully prosecuted the driver of a road sweeper earlier this year for death by dangerous driving after he crashed into a car when the anti-braking system was not working properly.

Cases where he has been on the other side of the court for the defence include the trial of cannibal chef Anthony Francis Morley who ate part of his victim's body and representing a Yorkshire police constable who was arrested after an undercover operation to catch men preying on girls on the internet.

Mr Greaney was unable to attend the award ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London when the winners were presented with plaques by barrister and broadcaster Clive Anderson.